IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Luca GIACOMINI

Serial No. (unknown)

Filed herewith

VALVE ACTUATOR FOR WATER HEATING/COOLING AND SANITARY SYSTEMS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend claim 7 as follows:

--7. (amended) An improved actuator according to claim 1, <u>characterized</u> in that it comprises a covering cap which can be coupled, preferably in a removable manner, for example by a snap type of engagement, to said actuator support framework.--

REMARKS

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The